

ATTEMPT OF STRIKERS TO BLOW UP
A DRY GOODS STORE.

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BUSINESS in all parts of the country is reported to be improving.

The Mardi Gras festivities at New Orleans terminate on the 17th instant.

JAMES K. JONES has been elected United States Senator from Arkansas.

This profit of cattle raising in Texas in 1884 is estimated to have been over \$30,000,000.

An earthquake at Oili, Sardinia, destroyed eight houses. No loss of life is reported.

The House Committee on Claims has decided to report a bill providing for refunding of the tax imposed by the Government on States and Territories as a war tax.

The Postoffice Appropriation Bill for the next fiscal year provides that postage shall be charged on first-class matter at the rate of 2 cents for each ounce, and on second-class matter at the rate of 1 cent per pound.

A SUMMING UP of the books show that 1884 was not a prosperous year for railroads. Fifteen companies were closed and forty-five went into the hands of receivers. There were only 10,000 tons of freight and only 100,000 tons of passenger traffic by one hundred and sixty-six companies.

DIO LEWIS declares that a journey through Iowa has convinced him of the failure of the prohibitory liquor law in that State. He found no difficulty in getting into barrooms, and there seemed to be no less drunkenness than in other parts of the country.

REPRESENTATIVE BRACHTENDORF, Democratic member of the Illinois Legislature from Chicago, seriously ill, and says he will not be able to take his seat again this session. By this the Democrats are in the minority by two on joint ballot in the assembly.

THE myth that a large sum of money had been offered by the Government for 1,000,000 postage stamps sent to him arisen in the following way: An advertisement appeared in London, England, asking charitable people to send their stamps to a poor boy in Brighton, who wished to cover his walls with portraits of her Majesty. When they should be covered the lad's education was to be paid for by a wealthy lunatic. Thousands of stamps were sent, and then cleaned and sold. The police broke it up.

Nearly Suffocated While Making Love.

(Reading (Pa.) News.)
A short time ago a young man in our neighborhood visited his "gal" one evening, and it appears the room got rather warm during the night. They turned the key in the pipe to stop off the draft, thus preventing the escape of air, which soon filled the room, and both became unconscious. The next morning the girl did not make her appearance, and being the servant the lady of the house went to see what had happened. When breakfast was ready the family concluded to go into the room where the lovers were sitting and see whether they had eloped during the night. The girl at that moment came staggering out of the room and the young man was lying on the floor, both partly unconscious from sulphur. They had concluded to be more careful next time.

Know His Weakness.

(Philadelphia Call.)
Mrs. Winks—"No, I won't invite that stuck up Mrs. De Rich to my party, the ugly old thing."
Mr. Winks—"But according to the rules of etiquette you must. Mere personal dislike will not excuse, as you will see if all the circumstances are considered."
"Dear me! Is there no way out of it?"
"None, the invitation must be sent, and you must have proof that you did your part towards sending it. Of course it might—mind, I say might—miscarry."
"Oh! how shall I ever be able to thank you for the suggestion? I will address the invitation at once!"
"Yes; but then what?"
"I'll give it to my husband to mail, and next spring I'll find it in his overcoat and explain it to her."

Has Meters.

(Independent Commercial-Gazette.)
Investigations have for some time been in progress in Chicago to test the reliability of gas meters. A private meter inspector has established the fact that consumers are being regularly consumed by "fast" registering meters. He found that fully fifty per cent. of the meters put by the gas company register from two to twenty-five per cent. "fast." Acting upon this discovery many of the consumers have demanded and received a rebate on their bills, in one instance as much as \$70 dollars, and several others have recovered between fifty and sixty dollars each.

This unreliability of the gas company's meters, and the almost universality of the consumption of consumers, has given rise to a measure which the Legislature will be asked to enact into law, authorizing the Governor to appoint a State Meter Inspector, at a fixed salary, to be provided by assessed rates on the capital stock of the Gas Companies, whose duty it shall be to inspect every gas meter put out by the companies, and affix to it his official seal.
Of course the efficiency of this measure will depend upon the integrity of the State Inspector and his ability to rise above all temptation.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Appropriations for Public Buildings—Dis-
cussing of A. E. Hartman's, 121 W. Fourth,
breaking his wrist and sustaining other severe
but not fatal injuries. He was assisting in
the removal of a large sign from in front of
the building and lost his balance, striking
the pavement upon his left side. He was re-
moved to the city hospital and the doctors
say he will recover.

Mr. Harris reported favorably from the
committee on the District of Columbia bill
appropriating \$5,000 to enable the commis-
sioners maintain public order during inaugu-
ration, Passed.

Mr. McPherson did not think the managers
of these railroads could expect much at the
hands of congress, and was not in favor of
allowing them to run both their railroad and
the government any longer. The railroad
bill, on motion of Mr. Hoar, was postponed
until Wednesday. The senate then proceeded
to consider the senate substitute for the house
bill, repealing all laws for the pre-emption
of public land, and laws allowing entries for
timber culture. The bill was discussed,
without final action, when the chair laid be-
fore the senate, as an unfinished business, the
inter-state commerce bill.

House.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Speaker Carlisle
has returned from Albany, but remains at
his hotel, in consequence of indisposition.
Mr. Blaine, speaker pro tem, was as-
sisted by members who desired recognition
for motions to suspend the rules, this being
the day assigned for the consideration of
it having been understood that he would ig-
nore the list arranged by Speaker Carlisle.
During the ten minutes occupied in reading
the journal, there were upwards of twenty
members around the desk seeking his ear for
the same purpose.

Mr. Brewster (Cal.) introduced a bill to
create a commission to devise additional ac-
commodations at the capital.

Mr. Belmont (N. Y.) introduced a resolu-
tion calling upon the president for copies of
all communications with representatives of
the British government in relation to the
dynastic question; also for the correspond-
ence relating to the Congo.

Mr. Cox (N. Y.) offered a joint resolution
abolishing the census bureau.

Mr. Cox (N. Y.) offered a joint resolution
providing for the accommodation of the pub-
lic during the dedication of the Washington
monument, and proposing to substitute the
new pension office for the hall of the house
for the dedication ceremonies.

Mr. Springer (Ill.) moved to suspend the
rules and order Mr. Springer to provide additional
accommodations for a public building at Springfield,
Illinois.

Mr. Bayne (Pa.) insisted on his motion to
suspend the rules and pass the bill to increase
to \$1,500,000 the appropriation for a public
building at Pittsburgh.

The bill was discussed for thirty minutes
and then passed—yeas 163, nays 78.

THE CONDESNER.

Fresh, Pitty News Items Boiled Down for
the Hurried Reader.

Talmage's pews have sold higher than
ever.

Gen. Jas. Chestnut, ex-United States senator
from South Carolina, is dead.

Haines, speaker of the Illinois house, pro-
poses to be senator from Illinois. He refuses
to vote for anybody but Haines.

A prominent cattle man from Trego county,
Kan., says that the ground is covered with
now several inches deep, and that range cat-
tle are lying at a fearful rate.

A valuable silver covey, on route between
Tolosa and Cuernavaca, Mexico, was attacked
and captured by organized bandits.

St. McGrath's six-year-old daughter died
of a brain whipping of her school teach-
er—near Reading, Pa. He is still prosecuted.

The Catholic church objects to the incor-
poration at Philadelphia of the followers of
Anna Meister, a deceased female crank who
taught that she was the Holy Ghost.

Salvation army captains disaffected be-
cause of an order from headquarters, that
only English born will be commissioned, have
organized at Akron, Ga., a gospel temperance
army.

The Tichborne claimant has now fallen a-
round that he appears in a provincial variety
company, and takes his turn between an acro-
batic and "The Human Serpent and the
Combed Male."

Immediately after finishing a wait at a
ball Sunday morning, Lizzie Kaufman, a
servant girl of Cincinnati, arose from her
bed, and walking a few steps forward, fell
on the floor dead.

The people of Thomson, Ga., and vicinity
are considerably excited on account of the
appearance in their midst of a disease which
the attending physician pronounced to be a
virulent type of chicken pox.

Jack Hayco was sentenced to be hanged
March 20, 1885, at St. Louis. A motion for
a new trial and motion in arrest of judg-
ment had been overruled, and sentence im-
posed.

Wm. H. Bender, deputy clerk of the St.
Louis probate court, who claimed to have
been robbed in the court house, has admitted
the act of juries as he took the money him-
self, and restored the whole amount.

Sentence of death has been passed upon
Frederick Ray, William Meadows, Wil-
son Phillips, and John Smith, white men,
and William S. C. negro, for murders com-
mitted in Indian territory. The condemned
will be executed at Fort Smith on April 17.

The Pittsburg Explosion.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 2.—No deaths have
occurred from Sunday's natural gas explosion, al-
though the twenty-one victims are recovering
easily, with the exception of Mary
McDonald, the young woman who struck the
first match which caused the explosion. Her
condition is very serious, and it is feared
she might succumb to the effects of the burning
gas. The other victims are believed to
be out of danger. The scene of the disaster
is visited by thousands of people, and re-
pairs are being made around the wrecked
district, and extra police detailed to keep the
crowd back and prevent injury from falling
walls. The owners of property in wards 11
and 12, and sections 13 and 14, are holding a
meeting in the fifteenth ward school house
to-morrow night to denounce the present sys-
tem of piling up claims through the streets,
and to insist upon the companies adopting
such measures as will prevent explosions.

Terrible Fall.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—Joseph Schmitt,
about nineteen, fell from a third-story win-
dowing of A. E. Hartman's, 121 W. Fourth,
breaking his wrist and sustaining other severe
but not fatal injuries. He was assisting in
the removal of a large sign from in front of
the building and lost his balance, striking
the pavement upon his left side. He was re-
moved to the city hospital and the doctors
say he will recover.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Latest Quotations of the Stock, Produce
and Cattle Markets.

New York, Feb. 2.—Money, 1/4 per cent. Ex-
change quiet, government securities steady.
A. & T. & Co. 119 1/2, Morris & Egan 119 1/2,
Alt. & Quinby 119 1/2, National Bk. 119 1/2,
Canada Pacific 119 1/2, U. S. Iron 119 1/2,
Canada Southern 119 1/2, U. S. Central 119 1/2,
Central Pacific 119 1/2, Northwestern 119 1/2,
Chicago & Alton 119 1/2, Pacific Mail 119 1/2,
U. S. C. & N. 119 1/2, Rock Island 119 1/2,
Del. & Hudson 119 1/2, St. Paul 119 1/2,
Del. & W. 119 1/2, U. S. S. C. 119 1/2,
Illinois Central 119 1/2, do preferred 119 1/2,
Jewett Central 119 1/2, Texas & Pacific 119 1/2,
Kansas & Texas 119 1/2, U. S. Iron 119 1/2,
Lake Shore 119 1/2, Wabash 119 1/2,
Nashville & Nash 119 1/2, Nash & Chatt. 119 1/2.

General.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—FLOUR—Fancy, \$4.10;
4 1/2; No. 1, \$3.95; 4 1/4; No. 2, \$3.80;
WHEAT—No. 1 red, 75c; No. 2, 72c;
OATS—No. 1 mixed, 32c; No. 2, 30c;
RICE—No. 1, 2 1/2; No. 2, 2 1/4;
BARK—Spring, 60c; Fall, 70c;
PORK—Family, \$12.00; regular, \$11.50;
Shoulders, 5c; short clear side
5c; Lard—Kettle—7c; 7 1/2c;
CHEESE—Prime to choice, 10c; 10 1/2c; New
York, 12c; Butter—Superior, 15c; prime,
14c; 13c; 12c; 11c; 10c; 9c; 8c; 7c; 6c;
POLITICAL—Fair chickens, \$2.50; 2 1/2c; prime,
\$2.50; 2 1/2c; 2 1/4c; 2 1/2c; 2 1/4c; 2 1/2c; 2 1/4c;
HAY—No. 1 timothy, \$12.00; No. 2, 11.50;
No. 3, 11.00; No. 4, 10.50; No. 5, 10.00;
No. 6, 9.50; No. 7, 9.00; No. 8, 8.50;
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Confessing to the Assassination of Six Persons—Their Bleached Bones Found at the Base of a Haunted Crag—Arrest of the Fugitive.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 2.—In the late summer of 1861, when this state was a part of Virginia, and when unionists and secessionists were engaged in constant brawls among these mountains, Elijah Wense, then about fifty years old, and living near Petersburg, Grant county, killed Hiram Ault, a neighbor, in the presence of Ann Gunn and a young man who was subsequently killed in the union army. Wense was arrested for the murder and incarcerated in Hertfordburg jail. He was a union man, and the unionists of the neighborhood claimed that his arrest was the result of secessionist spite. One day, therefore, a few days before that set for his trial, a band of union soldiers went to the jail and released him. Not long after he wandered off to Virginia and was not heard from again till two years ago, when he returned to the neighborhood of his crime.

Meantime all the Ault family had died except one sister of the murdered man. Miss Gunn had also moved away, and the memory of the murder had been effaced, the sister being at the time of the murder too young to know anything about it. A few days ago Hiram Ault met Ann Gunn, while on a visit, and from her she learned that Hiram had been the murderer, including the startling information that his murderer was then living in Miss Ault's neighborhood. Upon her return home she had Wense arrested.

When taken to jail he was searched, and on a worn and grimy sheet of paper was found a list of twelve persons who had mysteriously disappeared from the neighborhood during Wense's former residence there. It was at once suspected that Wense had a guilty knowledge of their mode of disappearance, and he was closely questioned about the matter. Finally he confessed that he himself had killed six of them.

He said that he had enticed them one by one to a lonely crag, which for years has had the name of being haunted, and which is one in the neighborhood lives visit. Catching them unawares, he had pitched them over, and they had been dashed to pieces on the broken rocks below. He had had the mangled bodies in a tangle of brush near by. Among the list of persons thus killed by the monster were his own son, Elijah Wense, Jr., and a near neighbor named Wm. McLaughlin.

The neighbors and the witness after the confession visited the haunted crag, and not far from it they found the bleached bones of five persons.

The Broken Mississippi Levees.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—Word is received from Lake Providence, in East Carroll parish, that the break in the levee, which was widened to about 1,300 feet, and an average depth of three feet was pouring through from the Mississippi river upon the plantations in the rear. Assistant State Engineer Bolivar Thompson is on the ground, doing what he can to secure the ends of the levee, to prevent further encroachments. J. W. Montgomery and Judge W. W. Wiley are the greatest sufferers, as their valuable plantations are in close proximity to the opening. If the present rise continues the result will be most disastrous, and the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas railroad will soon be under water and its business stopped for the high water season. This is one of the works which an act of the last legislature required should be given to the king of levee contractors, receiving no remuneration by law, are enabled to net a handsome revenue by the use of convict labor, which is virtually donated by the state. The sufferers by the overflow allege that the contractors have frittered away valuable time when the weather was such that they could, with the slightest exertion on their part, have completed the main levee at that point. They failed to do this, however, but waited until the flood came, and then they came, and attempted with scrapers to construct a run around out of frozen ground. The present condition of affairs is the result, and this, Mr. Wiley has to shoulder most of the blame as he favored the law in question, and promptly signed and promulgated it.

New York, Feb. 2.—Andrew Jackson Davis, the apologist of spiritualism, brought an action in the supreme court for the annulment of his marriage, in 1850, with Mary F. Love, a spiritualist lecturer. The case was referred to J. C. Holbrook, who has reported in favor of granting the decree. It appeared from the testimony before the referee that about a year after the marriage Samuel G. Love obtained a divorce from his wife in Buffalo from Mary F. Love, and on the matter being called to Mr. Davis' attention he ceased to cohabit with her, but continued to maintain a brotherly and fraternal relation and to hold her out as his wife, because of their business relations, which made it necessary sometimes for her to travel with him on his lecturing tours. Since the recent decision of the court of appeals that a person prohibited from marrying again commits bigamy by violating the prohibition, it was thought advisable to have the marriage annulled.

Earthquake on the Hudson.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Low rumbling sounds like distant thunder, followed by a very perceptible trembling of the earth, startled residents of Cortlandt, Yorktown and other northern towns of Westchester county on Saturday night. Crocker and other were thrown from chairs, and the shock was altogether too great to have been caused by anything except a genuine earthquake. The frequent recurrence of these earthquakes in Westchester county are very alarming to the superstitious.

Thrown From the Track.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 2.—The east-bound express train on the Memphis & Charleston railroad was wrecked near Brownsville Sunday night. The train was running forty miles an hour when it was thrown from the track. The engineer and fireman narrowly escaped being killed. The baggage master Keeler and express messenger Schmidt were dangerously injured. The baggage car and smoker were demolished. No passengers were injured.

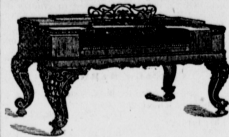
The Authorities Foster Athletics.

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—John F. Scholten, champion boxer of Canada, has been notified to spar with Charles Mitchell, for \$1,000 a side, with soft gloves. The fight will come off on February 10, and will be under the patronage of Lieut. Geo. Robinson, of Ontario, and Mayor Manning. Scholten is training here.

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